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CORRECTED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

In addition to the above, applicants wish to correct the following typographical error which was noted on the PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 19, 2005. U.S. Patent No. 6,717,674 was incorrectly cited as U.S. Patent No. 6,171,676.

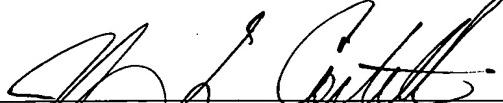
Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the correction of the documents provided on the attached PTO-1449 and also cross through the incorrect citation of the document as noted above.

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